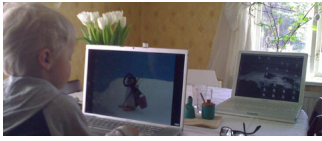


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The World Wide Web Foundation has launched the Web Index – a new country-by-country global study that measures the impact of the web on the world's people and nations.

Among the 61 countries surveyed, Sweden finished on top. It posted top-five rankings in every area except Web Use and Content, which were limited by the relatively small amount of online material in Swedish.

“Sweden scored highly for ‘impact of the web’, though it did less well in having a high quantity of content available to its population. The US, in second place, did well in terms of web content, but ranked lower for social, economic and political impact, and in infrastructure,” Jon Yeomans of ZDNet.com spelled out.

Six of the top 10 countries were European. As runner-up, the U.S. dominated Institutional Infrastructure and Content categories, but lagged behind Northern Europe in citizen use.

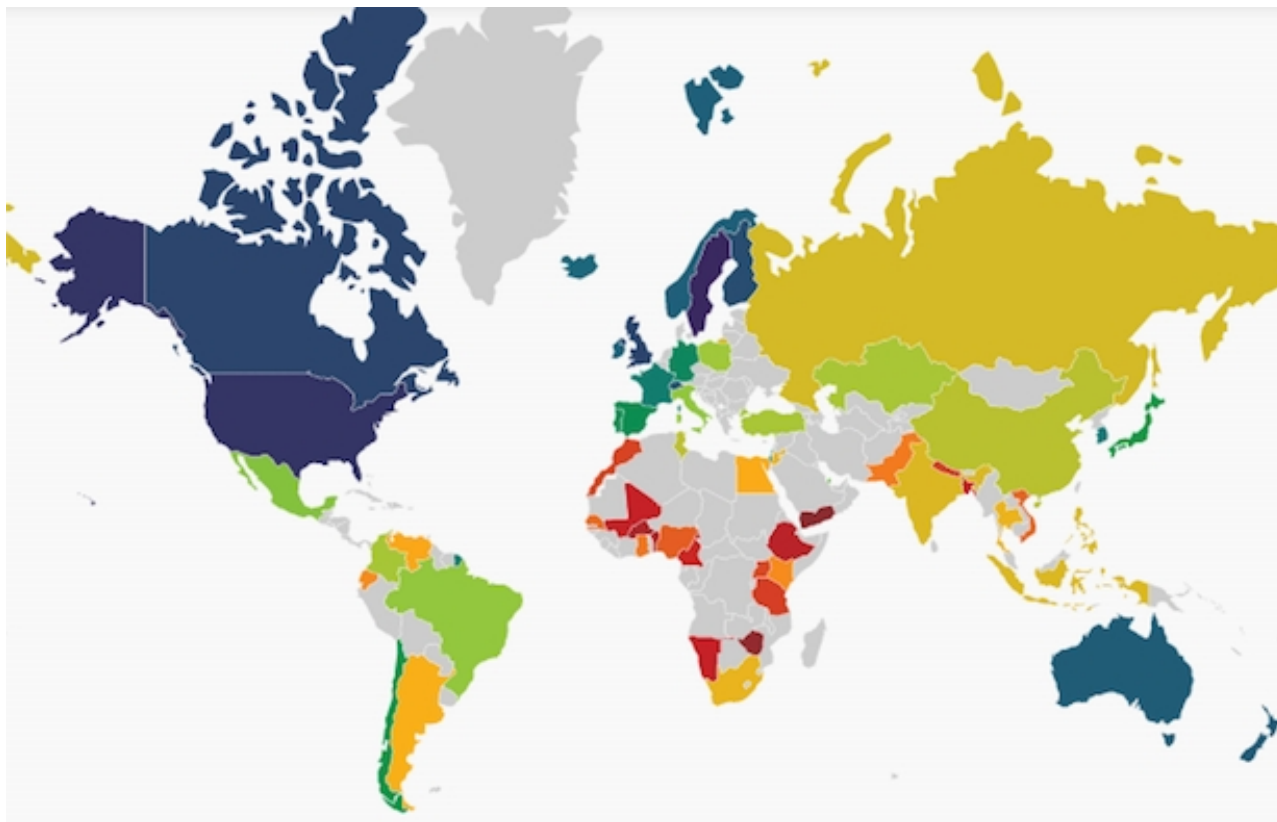
According to the research, fewer than one in three people use the Internet globally, falling to fewer than one in six in Africa.

The study is considered a ground-breaking look not only at the technology of the web but also measuring how well a country is allowing its citizens to share information online and ultimately impact society, pointed out The Daily Mail.

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Rank	Country	Web Index	Impact	Economic	Political	Social	Readiness	Communication
1	Sweden	100	100	89.36	100	98.5	96.76	97.11
2	United States of America	97.31	91.07	81.14	92.54	89.13	94.98	82.57
3	United Kingdom	93.83	87.86	88.28	78.85	86.42	94.07	92.33
4	Canada	93.42	90.64	84.56	75.94	100	84.17	81.03
5	Finland	91.88	86.44	79.3	87.29	83.26	95.78	90.65
6	Switzerland	90.49	83.55	98.36	70.84	72.82	94.85	96.94
7	New Zealand	89.15	83.66	68.16	82.0	91.05	90.66	78.74
8	Australia	88.44	83.91	69.6	81.77	90.61	88.12	82.35
9	Norway	87.76	83.59	77.79	72.14	90.95	93.43	94.83
10	Ireland	87.42	84.45	100	65.82	78.29	84.48	76.82
11	Singapore	86.14	77.92	69.69	95.33	62.06	93.55	99.42
12	Iceland	86.1	76.67	67.1	65.93	88.08	100	100
13	Korea, Republic of	81.06	82.38	71.94	85.82	80.61	78.06	85.44
14	France	78.93	78.82	78.88	75.13	74.4	73.95	80.35
15	Israel	78.53	77.15	77.24	80.17	66.85	77.34	76.53
16	Germany	74.87	67.23	72.36	54.3	68.58	81.01	85.63

World, top 16 countries in the first global Web Index. Sweden tops the list with a score of 100. The United States follows with 97.31, and the United Kingdom is third with 93.83. The index measures a country's digital readiness across nine categories: Web, Readiness, Social, Political, Economic, Impact, Communication, and two others. Sweden's high score is attributed to its strong performance in most categories, particularly in Web and Readiness. The United States and the United Kingdom also show strong overall performance. The index provides a comprehensive overview of digital readiness across different countries, highlighting Sweden as the global leader in this field.